

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Appendix A includes Replacement Drawing Sheets for sheets 1, 5, 7 and 9 in this application.

REMARKS

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2008.

Claims 44, 65-93 and 99-100 are currently pending in this application. Claim 88 has been amended to rectify a typographical error. Claims 46, 94-98 and 101-111 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-43, 45 and 47-64 were canceled previously. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of canceled claims in a continuation, continuation in part or divisional application. Applicants submit that this Response merely cancels claims and amends the specification and drawings in order to comply with requirements of form expressly set forth in the October 22, 2008 Office Action. Accordingly, per 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b), Applicants request that the amendments set forth herein be entered and the application proceed to allowance.

Elections / Restrictions

In the Office Action at page 2, claims 102-111 are withdrawn from further consideration. The Office Action alleges that these claims are “drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.” Applicants respectfully traverse.

However, solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 102-111. Therefore, the rejection is moot, and Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 4

In the Office Action at page 3, claim 46 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 4, as allegedly failing to further limit the subject matter of a claim from which it depends. Applicants respectfully traverse.

However, solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claim 46. Therefore, the rejection is moot, and Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2

In the Office Action at pages 3-4, claims 94-98 and 101 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse.

However, solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 94-98 and 101. Therefore, the rejection is moot, and Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

Drawings

In the Office Action at page 2, new corrected drawings are required because “Applicants failed to renumber the figures accordingly after cancellation of the figures in the amendment filed 28 July 2008.” With this Response, Applicants are submitting Replacement Drawing Sheets for Sheets 1, 5, 7 and 9 (see Appendix A). In these Replacement Sheets, the labels for Figures 2(c), 6 and 8 have been changed to Figures 2, 5 and 6, respectively. Additionally, in Figure 8 (now Figure 6), the column headings have been changed from “Figure 8a” and “Figure 8b” to “Figure 6a” and “Figure 6b,” respectively. The Replacement Sheet for Sheet 1 is included at the Examiner’s request, for completeness. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Specification

In the Office Action at page 3, the “amendments to the specification are objected to because of the reference to cancelled figures in the Brief Description of the Drawings.” In this Response, Applicants have amended the specification to remove all references to cancelled drawings and to change all references to remaining drawings to refer to the drawings as renumbered herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action at page 4, it is indicated that claims 44, 65-93, 99 and 100 are allowed. All other claims have been canceled, without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request that claims 44, 65-93, 99 and 100 be passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

Applicants maintain that, for at least the reasons given above, all pending claims are patentable and that, as such, the instant application is in condition for allowance. If the

Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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APPENDIX A

REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS